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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 59

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 59, AS AMENDED, by  
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
6 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

7 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

8 "Associate degree for transfer" means an associate of arts  
9 or associate of science degree, as defined in rules of the  
10 Illinois Community College Board.

11 "Community college" means a public community college in  
12 this State.

13 "State university" means a public university in this State.

14 Section 10. Associate degree for transfer.

15 (a) Commencing with the fall term of the 2013-2014 academic

1 year, a community college student who enrolls in and  
2 subsequently earns an associate degree for transfer granted  
3 pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section is deemed eligible  
4 for transfer into the baccalaureate program of a State  
5 university and must be considered to have fulfilled all lower  
6 division coursework in the major field of study. While a  
7 student may apply for admission in the semester during which  
8 coursework for the associate degree will be completed, timely  
9 completion of the degree is a condition of transfer under the  
10 provisions of this Act.

11 (b) Each community college district shall ensure that  
12 associate degrees for transfer adhere to the degree models  
13 under rules of the Illinois Community College Board, which  
14 shall include specific lower division courses in the major  
15 field of study that are comparable to the lower division  
16 courses in the major field of study at State universities, as  
17 agreed to by the Board of Higher Education and the Illinois  
18 Community College Board.

19 (c) The General Assembly encourages the Illinois Community  
20 College Board and the Board of Higher Education to make use of  
21 the Illinois Articulation Initiative major directives process  
22 to inform the development of the models referenced in  
23 subsection (b) of this Section.

24 (d) The General Assembly encourages community college  
25 districts to consider the articulation agreements and other  
26 work between the respective faculties from the affected

1 community college and State universities in implementing the  
2 requirements of this Section.

3 (e) The General Assembly encourages community colleges to  
4 facilitate the acceptance of credits earned at other community  
5 colleges and from lower division courses completed at 4-year  
6 colleges and universities toward an associate degree for  
7 transfer pursuant to this Section.

8 (f) This Section does not preclude students who are  
9 assessed below collegiate level from acquiring developmental  
10 coursework in preparation for obtaining an associate degree for  
11 transfer. Developmental coursework must not be counted as part  
12 of the transferable units required pursuant to subsection (b)  
13 of this Section.

14 Section 15. Admission to a State university.  
15 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, a  
16 State university shall guarantee junior status to any community  
17 college student who is admitted under the provisions of this  
18 Act. Admission to a State university, as provided under this  
19 Act, does not guarantee admission to specific programs or  
20 specific majors.

21 Section 20. Coursework. A State university may require a  
22 student transferring pursuant to this Act to take additional  
23 courses at the State university so long as the student is not  
24 required to take more semester hours or the equivalent number

1 of quarter hours, in combination with the associate degree for  
2 transfer and the baccalaureate degree, than would otherwise be  
3 required of a student native to that university in completing  
4 the baccalaureate degree. A minimum of 60 semester credit  
5 hours, or the equivalent number of quarter hours, taken at the  
6 community college must be counted toward the total minimum  
7 number of hours required for the baccalaureate degree. A State  
8 university may not require students transferring pursuant to  
9 this Act to repeat courses that are similar to those taken at  
10 the community college that counted toward an associate degree  
11 for transfer granted pursuant to Section 10 of this Act,  
12 regardless of whether the credits earned and the courses  
13 required were offered at a different level. Pursuant to  
14 subsection (b) of Section 10 of this Act, a State university  
15 may not require individual review of lower division course  
16 equivalencies in the major by respective institutions.

17 Section 25. Board of Higher Education reviews and reports.

18 (a) The Board of Higher Education shall review the  
19 implementation of this Act and file a report on that review  
20 with the General Assembly on or before May 31, 2015, as  
21 provided in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization  
22 Act.

23 (b) The Board of Higher Education shall review both of the  
24 following and file a report on that review with the General  
25 Assembly within 4 years after the effective date of this Act,

1 as provided in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization  
2 Act:

3 (1) The outcomes of implementation of this Act,  
4 including, but not limited to, all of the following:

5 (A) The number and percentage of community college  
6 students who earned an associate degree for transfer.

7 (B) The number and percentage of community college  
8 students who earned an associate degree for transfer  
9 and subsequently transferred to a State university.

10 (C) The number and percentage of community college  
11 students who earned an associate degree for transfer  
12 and earned a baccalaureate degree from a State  
13 university pursuant to this Act.

14 (2) Recommendations for statutory changes necessary to  
15 facilitate the goal of a clear and transparent transfer  
16 process.

17 Section 30. Implementation of Act; intent. It is the intent  
18 of the General Assembly that the requirements placed on  
19 community college districts pursuant to this Act be carried out  
20 in the normal course of program development and approval,  
21 course scheduling, and degree issuance and do not represent any  
22 new activities or a higher level of service on the part of  
23 community college districts.

24 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding

1 Section 8.35 as follows:

2 (30 ILCS 805/8.35 new)

3 Sec. 8.35. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8  
4 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the  
5 implementation of any mandate created by the Student Transfer  
6 Achievement Reform Act.".